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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR ADMISSION YOUNGEST
SON INTO UNIVERSITY

1. ON AUGUST 2 MRS. TOLBERT ASKED ME TO CALL AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONAL MATTER. SHE REQUESTED ON HER BEHALF AND THAT OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT THAT I USE MY BEST OFFICES TO OBTAIN ENTRY INTO A RANKING UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR YOUNGEST SON, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT III FOR THE COMING FALL TERM. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS NOW LATE IN THE YEAR TO ATTEMPT A PLACEMENT FOR THIS FALL, BUT THAT THE FAMILY HAD DECIDED THE SON, WHO HAD BEEN WORKING AT THE PRESIDENTIAL FARM, SHOWED NO INTEREST OR APTITUDE IN AGRICULTURE AND SHOULD CONTINUE HIS ACADEMIC CAREER. THE UNIVERSITY OF THEIR CHOICE IS MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO.

2. I INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT AT THIS LATE DATE TO OBTAIN ADMISSION AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY BUT THAT WE WOULD MAKE INQUIRIES. SINCE THERE WAS A LACK OF PRECISION AS TO POSSIBLE AREA SPECIALIZATION FOR THE SON, I SUGGESTED THAT HE MEET WITH BLAKE ROBINSON, EXEC. DIRECTOR, USECF/L, TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT PLUS MIAMI UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM AND OTHER SMALLER COLLEGES WHERE HE MIGHT BE ADMITTED SHOULD MIAMI UNIVERSITY PROVE DIFFICULT.

3. IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH BLAKE ROBINSON TOLBERT INDICATED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM MIAMI UNIVERSITY FOR JANUARY 1975 ADMISSION. TOLBERT SPENT TWO
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YEARS AT CUTTINGTON INTENDING TO MAJOR IN BUSINESS ADMIN-

ISTRATION. TWO FAILING GRADES CAUSED HIM TO LEAVE. OTHER GRADES B'S AND C'S. POOR PERFORMANCE MOST LIKELY DUE TO COMPLICATED FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS WITH MANY CONFLICTING PRESSURES AND HIS BEING FORCED TO STUDY BUSINESS FOR WHICH HE APPARENTLY HAS LITTLE BENT. TOLBERT INFORMED ROBINSON HE IS CABLING MIAMI UNIVERSITY TO URGE ACCEPTANCE HIS ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 1974.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPT. COULD CONTACT DEAN OF ADMISSION, DR. CHARLES R. SCHULER, MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO, TO URGE THEY ARRANGE FOR ADMISSION SEPT 1974 SO THAT TOLBERT WILL WASTE NO MORE TIME IN PROCEEDING WITH EDUCATION.

5. ROBINSON HAS ALSO EXPLORED WITH TOLBERT ALTERNATE POSSIBILITIES IN THE EVENT MIAMI CANNOT ACCEPT. TOLBERT INTERESTED UNIV. MASSACHUSETTS AT AMHERST WHICH OFFERS BUSINESS AS WELL AS LIBERAL ARTS IN SMALL TOWN ENVIRONMENT. IF MIAMI'S REPLY NEGATIVE FOR FALL TERM, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S EXPLORING UNIV. OF MASSACHUSETTS.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE SO THAT I CAN DISCUSS WITH MRS. TOLBERT BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR HOME LEAVE AUGUST 15.
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